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Smith Marion & Co. associate, Cole Monroe, MA, CPA receives his license as a Certified Public Accountant

March 12, 2015 —Cole Monroe, MA, CPA, Associate with Smith Marion & Co., LLP based in Brentwood, TN receives his CPA license in Tennessee. This title recognizes Cole Monroe's knowledge and expertise in the field of accounting.

A Certified Public Accountant receives licensing through the state and has the authority to perform audits and attest to the accuracy of a company's financial information. In order to become a Certified Public Accountant, professionals must pass the four part Uniform CPA Exam and fulfil the state specific requirements for the state they will be licensed in. In Tennessee applicants must have one year of accounting experience, complete 150 semester hours of education, earn a bachelor's degree and pass the four part Uniform CPA Exam as well as the Professional Ethics for CPA's exam.

Chad Porter, CPA, CFE, Partner with Smith Marion & Co., LLP says, "I have only worked with Cole a short period of time but, he has already impressed me several times. I knew he was a future CPA when he interviewed with us and had already completed two parts of the exam. Cole is a dedicated, diligent team member. He will make our team stronger with his skill set and work ethic. I look forward to working with him over a long and prosperous career."

Monroe began his career with Smith Marion & Company in August of 2014. He graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting in

May 2014 and he earned his Masters of Arts in Economics from MTSU in December 2010.

Monroe is an audit associate and primarily focuses on Housing Authorities.

ABOUT SMITH MARION & CO., LLP

Smith Marion & Co., LLP was founded in 1983 by William P. Smith and David B. Marion. Over the last several years, the company has experienced tremendous growth. In November 2012, the firm merged with Streit and Peters, CPAs, a California firm. Marion credits their staff of high-quality, committed professionals, who have invested in their training, development and growth, to the success of the company. The firm also takes pride in the growth of their client base, which has grown mainly from positive client referrals. The firm is licensed to operate in California, Tennessee, and Kentucky, with practice privileges in Idaho and Utah. The company services clients nationwide.

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